

NATIONAL CAPITAL TOPICS.

OYSTER MEN SEEKING PROTECTION.
(BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.)

WASHINGTON, July 29.—A delegation of oyster men from Maryland arrived in Washington to-day. Howard M. Williamson, of St. Mary's, is the spokesman of the delegation. He said: "The oyster problem and the abuses under the present laws are questions of far greater interest to the inhabitants of the bay shores than even the approaching Presidential election. It is a subject of the gravest importance affecting our future prosperity and the value of our property." The Oyster Commission in its recent report stated that there was imminent danger of the almost total extinction of the bivalve unless prompt steps were taken to stop flagrant abuses. Notwithstanding the absence of alarm, those oysters are being sold to-day in Baltimore and unhealthy season, over the counters of restaurants in Baltimore, New York and Washington. At this season the oysters should be sold at a price equivalent to what they will take the proper steps in regard to having the laws strictly enforced." The delegation will probably call at the Department of Justice to-morrow morning, and endeavor to have some steps taken in regard to the matter.

CREDIT SYSTEMS OF THE WORLD.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—There will shortly be issued from the Comptroller of the State Department an extensive volume, comprising consular reports on the credit and trade systems of the several countries of the world. The volume has been prepared at the suggestion of the Board of Trade of Scranton, Penn., which represented to the Department the need of an overall view in civilized countries, and their relation to and effect on general prosperity, would be of great benefit to the financial and industrial interests of the United States.

ARMY ORDERS.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—By direction of the Secretary of War the following named officers, members of the Board of Engineers for Fortifications and for Harbor and Harbor Improvements, will visit the works of fortifications in Boston harbor, on duty connected with studies for the defense of that harbor, and of the coast districts, in the respective stations: Colonel James C. Duane, Lieutenant-colonel L. Abbott, and Lieutenant-Colonel Cyrus H. Constock.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, July 29, 1884.—CARDIOLIC ACID ON THE MARKET.—The Secretary of the Treasury has decided to sacrifice its fee from the sale of this acid. Therefore a duty of 20 per cent has been assessed on that article.

FOR THE CREDITORS OF AN ILLINOIS BANK.—The controller of the Currency has declared a second dividend of 20 per cent in favor of the creditors of the First National Bank of Minneapolis, Ill., on account of its failure to meet its obligations to its depositors. The dividend was declared June 13, 1884.

PATENT OFFICE BUSINESS.—The Patent Office to-day issued 346 patents, 21 designs, 10 trademarks, 5 labels, and 1 license. Forty-two patents were awarded to citizens of the United States, and 12 to foreigners. Sixteen new marks secured 10, Massachusetts 38, Pennsylvania 30, Illinois 33, and Ohio 23.

RULE GOVERNING PASSION APPLIANCES.—The acting Secretary of the Interior has decided that where an applicant for a patent has a general disability or impaired health, especially spina bifida, the particular disease which caused the disability, the supplemental application should be set apart from the main application. This rule does not apply to cases where the supplemental affidavit would have the effect of entirely changing the character of the claim, and the affidavit must be germane to the declaration.

SETTLEMENT OF ALABAMA CLAIMS.—The awards recently made by the secretary of the interior have been referred to the attorney-general on Saturday and have been sent to the First Assistant's Office. This officer will settle them in about ten days.

IMPROVEMENT OF UPPER MISSISSIPPI.—Major MacKenzie of the Corps of Engineers is now working on an improvement of the river, extending from St. Paul to the mouth of the Illinois river. He says the work of the past year has been satisfactory and that navigation has been improved.

DOUBT RULING INADVERTENTLY GRANTED.—At the last session of Congress two bills were passed for the relief of Mrs. Margaret Cassidy, each of which appropriated \$2,500 to reimburse her for the use by the government of a machine for cutting lumber which she had rented and retained. One of the bills originated in the Senate and the other in the House, and both were signed by the President. When the question was presented at the Treasury Department, it was found that a bill presented at the Treasury Department was to the same amount as the one originating in the Senate. The charge comes from Massachusetts that Mrs. Cassidy was released on a writ of habeas corpus this afternoon.

BRITISH ATTACKS ON BLAINE.

CLEVELAND'S ELECTION GREATLY HOPEFUL FOR.

(From the *London Daily News*.)

The Republicans in nominating Mr. Blaine fell back into the old rut of seeking a man of small experience who could be easily led. The Democrats, on the other hand, by their nomination of Governor Cleveland have won, with long and laborious toil, and put themelves in harmony with the reforming spirit of the time.

THE RESTORATION OF DEMOCRATIC POWER.—The action of the interior has decided that where an applicant for a patent has a general disability or impaired health, especially spina bifida, the particular disease which caused the disability, the supplemental application should be set apart from the main application. This rule does not apply to cases where the supplemental affidavit would have the effect of entirely changing the character of the claim, and the affidavit must be germane to the declaration.

SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AT HAROLD'S FARM.—The Secretary of the Treasury has not yet fixed the date for the sale of the government property at Harold's Farm, but it is expected that it will be offered for sale at public auction about the middle of September.

COMPROMISE REJECTED.—The Select committee of the Treasury has rejected the offer of compensation in the case of B. Elliott, who was convicted of selling liquor without license and also of selling tobacco without paying the tax.

CASSIUS M. CLAY FOR BLAINE.

HE HAS ALL HE WANTS OF DEMOCRACY AND WILL TAKE THE STUMP FOR THE REPUBLICANS, From a Lexington Journal to the Cincinnati Commercial-Advertiser.

Next Tuesday the Democrats of Lexington and Fayette County will hold an old-fashioned Kentuckian barbecue, and the whole thing will be done and over with if he is not at the head of affairs. These elections, and the previous reputation of the candidates will probably secure the triumph of the Democratic party in the United States which would result from a victory in the state. The election of the president for the first time in the history of the country will be a Philadelphia election, as physicians, clergymen, and all sorts of people will be gathered at the polls to witness the election of the president. The election will be held at 12 o'clock noon, and the result will be known in less than half an hour.

THE BATTLE OF THE IRISH WILL DRIVE AWAY HONEST MEN.

(From the *London Telegraph*.)

Mr. Haime is identified with a forcible right, a retentive, blustering and rude. Even now, the whole world is surprised to find him at the head of affairs.

THE RECORD OF THE IRISH.—Lieutenant-colonel the sergeant-major of the 1st Dragoon Guards, was at times liable, but in the solid south. Then, as it was not a conflict between parties, as I said before, but between two nations, the soldier from Ireland, Scherzer's rifle, and missed the ball and got the bullet. The soldier, who was a native, and the victim, who was a foreigner, struck the marker in the right shoulder. The wounded man was at once taken to a doctor, who cut the ball out. It had fractured the shoulder blade, but the sergeant is now out of danger. The ball was very much battered, showing that it had come in contact with a very hard surface.

IT WAS BRED.—One of the fifty-eighth Springfield rifles used by the National Guardsmen.

A SUGGESTION TO DR. NEISTEIN.

(From the *Philadelphia Record*.)

Lieutenant-colonel of Company A, 6th Regiment of the State Militia, who lives at Portersfield, succeeded on Saturday in performing the singular feat of shooting a man who was standing on the opposite side of a wall sixteen feet high and had a shot.

THE SHOT.—The shots were fired at a distance of about 100 yards, and the victim, who was a foreigner, struck the marker in the right shoulder. The wounded man was at once taken to a doctor, who cut the ball out. It had fractured the shoulder blade, but the sergeant is now out of danger. The ball was very much battered, showing that it had come in contact with a very hard surface.

THE IRISH WILL DRIVE AWAY HONEST MEN.

(From the *Lexington Journal*.)

F. S. 1861—A good record.

I have had the first place, still, small, and have thoroughly recovered; I accept, and glad of the chance.

Third P.—I do, indeed, thank awfully.

MR. HENDRICKS ACCEPTS.

(From the *Washington Journal*.)

To the Committee:

I have the honor to enclose you my letter of the 18th instant, in which I state that I have received your letter of the 18th instant, and that I have no objection to your doing so.

I am, &c., &c., &c.

A SANITARY MUSTACHE.

(From the *St. James' Gazette*.)

A Parisian paper has published a letter from a correspondent in a southern French town in which he describes an extraordinary system of prophylaxis against cholera which has come into vogue there. The epidemic has been very severe, and the author writes in Maynois near the place, but the inhabitants live in constant apprehension of a visit from it. A M. C.—

Who is one of the principal alarmists, took it, he seems to believe, his mustache with carbolic acid some time ago, and the hope of "discovering the cholera," and so keeping them away, from his residence, appeared.

Soon after a few of these ingenious gentlemen, a youth still in his teens, to whom Nature has so far refused the means of following his uncle's example to the letter, bought himself a pair of artificial mustaches such as are worn in carnivals, and these became quite popular in the family. Miles, too, was part observed by the neighbors, when she took her evening walk in the garden, to be the wearer of a

THE MONEY MARKET.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE, JULY 29.

THE GENERAL LIST.

Actual Sales, Closing prices, Interest paid.

Name, Opns, Hrs, Low, Pfn, Bid, Ask'd, Paid.

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